GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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Apprentice Exam
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has decided to do away with Special Class Railway Apprentice (SCRA) exam which is one of the oldest programme;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Union Public Service Commission has also expressed its reluctance to hold SCRA exam; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d) The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) have stated that there appears to be little justification in conducting the Special Class Railway Apprentice (SCRA) examination in view of (a) the disproportionate efforts involved in the conduct of the SCRA Examination by UPSC and the small number of vacancies indented and filled up, and (b) recruitment of Indian Railway Services of Mechanical Engineering (IRSME) (Mechanical Engineers) already being done through the Engineering Services Examination (ESE). This is in the context that 50% of requirement of IRSME (Mechanical Engineers) is recruited from SCRA and remaining 50% from ESE.

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